GUARDING A WAGON TRAIN.

A Cavalryman's Reminiscences of the Work of Opening the Mississippi.

Editor National Tribune: I see in a that Comrade D. Deeds, Co. G, 188th Ohio, does not "claim to be the youngest soldier, but claims to have the smallest check—20 cents." I can I can beat that. I hold a check for "13 cents" for increase of pensions. have not presented it yet for payment. Thought would be best to have the banks make special preparation, or it might strain the resources somewhat. I thought I might keep it as a souve-

I don't see how any old veteran can afford to do without The National Trib-It surely is the old soldiers' friend. By it I can keep posted as to all legislation friendly or otherwise to the veterans of '61-'65. I was much interested in the long series of articles on "Redeeming Missouri." I was born and raised, and was living across the river, in Illinois, from St. Louis, and was personally known to the struggle there in the early days of the war. It was well portrayed.

Equally as much interested am I in

"The Opening of the Mississippi," for I had a helping hand in many of the campaigns gone over so far and I must say they are very true. Our company was detached from the regiment at Holly Springs and ordered to report to the commander of the post at Oxford. We started on the morning of Dec. 19, '62, the day before Van Dorn made his descent on that place. So we missed that reception by 24 hours. We returned with the retreating army on the 25th of December. I must say Holly Springs had a very sorry appearance; was not very bright for Christ-About 10 a. m., the 26th, our company was detailed to guard the train of empty wagons (about 300) to teenth Corps, who was ordered to propany the trains. It was after 12 before we got started. We went out on the Port Hudson be fully recognized.-Edroad to Davis Mills, and after we were itor National Tribune. out one or two miles the Captain-Tipton-showed me his orders. After reading them (I had not seen the orders previously), I said to him: "We are ordered to guard that wagon train, and the train has not gone this way (for it was raining and muddy and no sign of any wagons traveling on that Mills (seven miles) and report without Chauncy commanding, as a Master's the train the General will blow you Mate. After the battle and capture of We better hunt that train, for there are not any armed men with the prize schooner San Juan, loaded it, and if the bushwhackers capture and with salt, a prize to the Susquehanna, destroy the train Gen. Grant will have and delivered her to the proper au-

from Holly Springs to Memphis. There Master, and ordered to the Sloop-of-terms of the deal. was the evidence of the train having War Vandalia, Comman not come up with it that night. We restel for a time, and were out early, and came up with the train while in camp, safe. Sure enough, there was no armed force along. The Captain thought best to proceed on the way and try get communication with Gen. Quinby by courier. I was ordered to take 10 men and take the advance; a like number in the rear. The remainder of the company scattered along the roadside as guards. About 4 p. m. the two roads came together, and we got in communication with Gen. Quinby and his division camped in rear of the train that night. The General used expressions not found in any of the text books of the English lan-However, after explanations were made he did not arrest the whole outfit. Incidentally we proceeded to Memphis and started on the return the morning of Dec. 31, directly along or near the M. & C. R. R. About 4 n. m. Jan. 1 we met the crew repairing track and by the next morning the entire train was unloaded and put in cars and sped away to feed the hungry sol-Our company remained at Division Headquarters and acted as escert, scout and picket, etc., until the 23d of May. While on a scout we met part of the 2d Ill. Cav., under Lieut.-Col. Bush, who ordered our company to fall in with his command-which he had no right to do, but the company obeyed without having any orders from Gen. Quinby, Gen. McPherson, Gen. Grant or any other person who should have given such orders; but nothing

The company was with the Seventh Division in all the marches, including the famous Yazoo Pass expediton: march across from Milliken's Bend. across the river. The company was in the advance as advance guard and fired the first shots in the skirmish that resulted in the battle of Raymond. Afterwards ordered with some of the Signal Corps men to a hill off on the left. where we saw the whole of the battle. Followed on to Jackson on morning of 16th, with other cavalry (about 250); went to the plantation of Jeff. Davis: captured a few prisoners on the way; returned to the road about 11 a. m. Gen. Hovey, being hotly engaged, saw Gen. Logan's Division make the advance across the field and his subsequent withdrawal. I wondered then why that was done, for he evidently was going right in rear of the enemy. and I did not know until I read the Memoirs of Gen. Grant, where he gives the reason for withdrawal. When the enemy retreated I rode over on the battlefield in front of the division of Gen. Hovey. While there Gens. Grant and Hovey met not 30 feet from where I was standing (that was the first meeting that day). Gen. Hovey saluted and said to Gen. Grant: "I have had a hard fight. I have lost 1,600 elsewhere, all hoping not to be the one men to-day." Gen. Grant said, after some remark: "You will remain here and rest your men and bury the dead. Gen. Osterhaus will take the advance to-morrow, and Vicksburg is ours."
Then they separated.—M. L. Moore,
Second Lieutenant, Co. E, 2d Ill. Cav.. Roseburg, Ore.

FORFEITED PAROLES. The Confederate Authorities Disregard- beyond the reach of the flagship, who a misapprehension.

Where I wrote, "

Editor National Tribune: I have at once, expecting that our newly-found say, "marched the day before to been very much interested in your story joy would soon be turned to sorrow. of the "Opening of the Mississippi." I The signal code was very gently opened preposition "to" changes the sense and have read it with a great deal of pleas- and consulted, and at once we again asure, and in my travels over the State sumed a normal condition; the Admiral in same column, where I used the pro-I have heard a great many comrades sumed a normal condition; the Admiral in same column, where I used the property of this article, and state that they were very much interested in it.

Sumed a normal condition; the Admiral in same column, where I used the property of the case in the property of the case in the property of the case in the case in the case. I was never in the case. I was never in the case in the There is one thing that I will be very glad to have you give an account of, and that is to state what became of the hold a cupful of wind was crowded in Wagner arose from the fact that the 32,000 prisoners that were captured at upon the old ship and she was headed Wagners were our neighbors when I Vicksburg. I have never seen a full account of what disposition was made of them. I have heard it stated that the Confederates annulled the parole and forced them into the Confederate they were regularly exchanged before they entered the Confederate army. I have also heard it stated that they were regularly exchanged before they entered the Confederate army. I have talked with a number of comrades about this matter, and no one seems to understand what became of the prisoners after they left Vicksburg are room, and after a pleasant run they were regularly exchanged before they entered the Confederate army. I have talked with a number of comrades about this matter, and no one seems to understand what became of the prisoners after they left Vicksburg are room, and after a pleasant run they was a boy, and afterwards. I knew dent it is stormy or thick weather, and knowing that a stern chase is a long one, if the much-dreaded Wabash should dispatch the fast gunboat Santiago, and boarded at W. T. Wagner's (the General's brother). The General's oldest son was my schoolmate, and his oldest son was my schoolmate, and his oldest daughter married another of my school mates, and now lives on a farm that once belonged to my stepfather. There was social intercourse between the Wagner families and ours. Believ-

South Atlantic Blockading Squadron upon arrival reporting to the senior fficer upon the station, which I did, and was ordered to the U.S. receiving Vermont, Commander William Reynolds as Executive Officer, where I remained for some months.—William U. Grozier, Acting Master, U. S. Navy, Denver, Colo.

for duty, and was informed that about

two-thirds of them could be used.

ABOARD THE VANDALIA.

Service in the South Atlantic Blockading

Squadron.

teras Inlet I was attached to the U.S.

the channel at full speed. It was blow-

ing a strong breeze directly out of the

time asking if No. 2 gun was shotted.

When answered, "Yes, sir," I give the

counted that of the rebels.

After serving as guardship the Van-

dalia was relieved, and as soon as it

anxious faces in the wardroom and

detached, as that would prevent any

one from seeing our home and friends.

At last the day of sailing arrived, the

welcomed signal "Permission to get

and men herein enumerated."

Sept. 11 the Confederate Agent of Ex-

THE WAGON BOSS.

country .- S. H. Harper, Department Comrade Peck Tells of the Death of Tom Commander of Iowa, Ottumwa, Iowa. Adkins, the Scout. The violation of the paroles of the Editor National Tribune: I have prisoners captured at Vicksburg was a piece of grossly bad faith on the part been a subscriber of The National Tribof the Confederate authorities, and led une a number of years, and I am recent issue of The National Tribune to all the trouble in regard to non- very much interested in the recitals exchange in the future. It appears to and reminiscences of the old comrades have been deliberate and without any of '61-'65. I was especially interested real pretext. Pemberton tried to make in Peck's "Story of a Wagon Boss," as a pretext because Grant had not ac- I served during the war in that deceded to his request and guarded the partment (Trans-Mississippi). I was prisoners beyond his lines. This was all over the ground that he speaks of. the farthest from Grant's thoughts in and names he mentions were very any way, because he had calculated familiar to me, and one especially, that a great part of Pemberton's men, Thomas Adkins, with whom I was perbeing from Missouri, Arkansas, Ten- sonally acquainted. He was a scout nessee and Kentucky, which were now for Gen. Thayer on the Red River camin our hands, would return home if paign; was taken prisoner at the time they were allowed to, and stay there I was, and kept at Camden, Ark., for unmolested by the rebel conscripters. some time. The rebels chained Adkins Davis hardly pretended to recognize and Maj. McCaulley together for some the stipulations at Vicksburg, for as time. If Comrade Peck sees this and early as July 10, within a week of the knows what became of Adkins I will be surrender, he telegraphed to Pembervery thankful to him if he will answer ton that all the general officers were through The National Tribune. exchanged and should return to duty I indorse the straight \$12 pension at once. He also wanted to know how bill for all old soldiers and their many of the captured troops were fit widows.-W. S. Harris, Montour, Iowa.

Editor National Tribune: In an swer to the inquiry of Comrade W. S. change notified the United States Agent Harris, as to what became of Tom Adthat these men would be declared ex- kins, the scout, whom I mentioned in changed, and this was done. Col. the "Wagon Boss," I will say that Tom Gould, the Confederate Agent, did not "died with his boots on," at one of attempt to give any figures as to the which he would offset, but simply said: 1868; shot from behind, and killed by "I have in my possession more valid a man whom Tom and others had re- in the squad that can kape step." paroles of your officers and men than garded as too insignificant to be conwould be an equivalent for the officers sidered at all dangerous. Adkins's dying words, as related to me subse-At that time Jefferson Davis was in quently, were: "I never feared death, Tennessee, arriving at Pittsburg Landthe sorest straits for men, and was but it's a hard fate that, after the ing just in time to miss the battle of of defense, and for this purpose you planning a great operation against many dangers I've passed through, I Shiloh. Uncle Tony stood soldier life Rosecrans to offset the disasters of must be killed by a cowardly skunk pretty well, but it began to tell on his posts or garrisons along it. If no prachands on every man that he could pos-I was well acquainted with Tom, and sibly get, and all of the Vicksburg pris-oners that could be gotten hold of Memphis, or rather to Davis Mills, and were put into Bragg's army to overmemori to Brig.-Gen. Quinby, comwhelm Rosecrans. Our Agent of Exfair education—above the average of when he came to "Uncle Tony's" post, eration, whether you will camp on this violation of the paroles, and was an-

Just after the close of the war he ceed to Memphis with his division and guard the train for provisions, and repartles of all the men captured at guard the train for provisions, and repartles of all the men captured at Where I was then living, on his way he aroused with a start, and exclaimed:

| Asseep. When William gently laid his hand upon "Uncle Tony's" shoulder, he aroused with a start, and exclaimed:
| Confederates that the passed through Baxter Springs, Kan., hand upon "Uncle Tony's" shoulder, he aroused with a start, and exclaimed: guard the train for provisions, and re-turn along M. & C. R. R. until a train Vicksburg and Port Hudson were from from Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, to "Och! an it's yerself, is it, William?" was met. There were 1,200 or 1,300 pa- the first invalid. They gave nothing Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and stopped roled prisoners that were to accompany but pretexts, however, for this decision, over night with me. This was the last Uncle Tony, that it is myself," an-The train and prisoners and Gen. Grant thereupon issued an time I ever saw him. Subsequently I swered William, said train. The train and prisoners and dell. Chart the train and prisoners and dell. Swered william, Then realizing the nostile parties. You will report to these had started out at 4 a. m.—six hours order in April, 1864, that no further heard of him occasionally as a scout situation he bewailed it as follows: "I've headquarters daily of the progress of unless the paroles at Vicksburg and making times lively. The circumstances that led to his an' shot."

death, as related to me by a comrade who was near by at the time are these: be all right; that no one should ever give receipts to owners, payable upon road), and if you go down to Davis S. Susquehanna, Commodore John S. during a game between the two Ban-ability. non, in a streak of bad luck, lost all his ready money to Tom, and then bet and lost, one after another, of his fine the forts, I was sent North in charge of four-mule teams until Tom had acquired in this manner one-half of the train, thus becoming a half-owner grass-covered mound in the church with Bannon in the outfit.

> Shortly after this transaction Ban-Haggerty, she composing one of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, while awaiting the arrival of a brother After the battle and capture of Port of the deceased Bannon, who was com-Royal, in which the Vandalia took part, ing out to settle up the affairs of the being towed by the Isaac Smith, the dead man, continued to run the train, Vandalia was placed at the entrance of and was generally recognized as the Port Royal Harbor as guard ship, with deceased Bannon's partner.

> instructions to allow nothing to pass Taking advantage of the fact that a inward without first communicating with the guard ship. This was at that time an important and sometime excitgambling debt is not considered a brother of Bannon arrived he refused ing position, being anchored in midchannel with springs out and guns shotted, ready to invite all comers to duced an attested bill of sale from the communicate, which some of the large and fast steamers from the North once manded of Adkins that he turn over deceased Bannon. The brother deor twice attempted to ignore, but were all the teams, relinquish all claim of soon convinced that their Uncle Samuel, although an indulgent old fel- tion merely his salary as Wagon Masownership, and accept in full satisfaclow, would be obeyed. One incident, in ter.

> which I was in charge of the deck, I This arrangement Adkins emphatiwill relate. It was in the forenoon cally rejected, and some angry words about 10 a. m. The Arago, a large, fast passed between the two men; Tom reand commodious steamer from New taining control of the teams, expecting York, with the mails, was coming up to have the controversy settled by due process of law. A day or so later, while Adkins was

> harbor, and the tide was running in the playing billiards in a saloon, the Bansame direction. The Arago had to pass us very closely to port, on account of him whether he was going to turn non brother came in and demanded of the depth of water in the channel. Our over those teams to him, Bannon. orders from the Admiral (DuPont) Tom by this time had acquired rathwere to send a boat with an officer to er a contemptuous opinion of the man, each vessel on boarding. The former and replied indifferently, but emphati-

> cutter had been called away with an cally, that he intended to do nothing of officer, and lay astern of the Vandalia, the kind, and did not want to hear anywaiting for the Arago to stop her pad-dles so that the boat could approach turned to the billiard table to continue her. Instead of doing so she paid no his game. attention to the boat, and attempted to As Tom turned his back on Bannon pass in. Noticing this, I ordered the the latter drew his pistol quickly and

> gunner to fire a blank cartridge across shot Adkins, who lived several hours her bow from No. 1 gun, at the same after being wounded. I got this account of the affair from a comrade who claimed to have been order, "Stand by-Ready," at the same on the ground and knew all the cirtime ordering a shell put in the bow- cumstances. It may be incorrect in chaser, a 100-pound Parrott upon the some particulars, but I have never forecastle; but at the discharge of the heard a contrary statement. I never blank cartridge the wheels of the heard what, if anything, was done with steamer were reversed and she the man who shot Tom.

> graciously allowed the boarding officer to communicate, when she was allowed to proceed with her mails up to the to proceed with her mails up to the anchorage and the fleet, where lay the tured by the rebels, along with Tom, Wabash, Admiral DuPont's flagship, on the Red River expedition. I heard the bull-dog of them all, in all her Tom tell of that affair afterwards at grace and beauty, and in those days Fort Gibson, but cannot now recall all of wooden ships she could proudly up-hold Old Glory in any company, being one of the finest frigates in the U.S. horse falling with him, resulting in his Navy. But one thing I must not for- capture; and that he was harshly The deck of the Arago was crowd- treated while a prisoner; was tried as ed with ladies as she ranged up beside the Vandalia, and at the firing of the by some streak of good luck, or the inblank cartridge the yell that they gave tercession of some influential persons astonished me, and in a measure dis- among the rebels, he was finally re-

> Will comrade Harris please give us became known that she was to proceed to New York Navy Yard there were many Whittier, Cal. the particulars of that affair as he re-

Battle of Franklin.

Editor National Tribune: Allow me to thank you for the splendid illustrations used in setting up my article on under way" was answered from the the battle of Franklin, printed in your flagship "Yes," and with light hearts issue of Dec. 21. It is corect, with the the nimble jackies soon covered the old exception of three typographical errors ship in a cloud of canvas. The anchor which I deeply regret, as they are all up and catted, the Vandalia was head- misleading, and will probably cause ed seaward, her sails filling to the some comrade to dip his pen in gall and breeze, and one and all longing to get wormwood, and come back at me under

Where I wrote, "It was Wagner and ed the Pledges Made by Pemberton at hand. As we neared the bar the Quar- his division that had marched the day termaster reported that the flagship before Franklin" (meaning the day bewas signaling. Every heart went down fore the battle) the types made me misstates the fact. A little farther down the prisoners after they left Vicksburg ward room, and after a pleasant run the Wagner families and ours. Believand were placed in camp at some point of a few days we arrived at the Navy ing that Gen. Wagner had been unjust-Any information you can give on this granted leave, myself 10 days. At the and published my discoveries and constitution of which I was to take now. subject will be very much appreciated expiration of which I was to take pas-by the comrades in this part of the sage in the first supply steamer for the 525 Beard Ave., Danville, Ill.

AN IRISH PATRIOT. How Uncle Tony Slept on Post Ferning

William H. Anderson, First Lieuten-

years old, with just sufficient of the Swamp-Root only a short time. brogue to give an indication of his na- I continued its use and am thankful as one of the family. When Fort Sum-ter was fired upon William was big enough and old enough to enlist, and responded promptly to his country's call. One day while in Camp Meigs he was surprised to see "Uncle Tony," in mail, also a book telling all about Swampa brand-new suit of blue, come march- Root. If you are already convinced ing in. "Well, well, Uncle Tony, I'm that Swamp-Root is what you need, you glad to see you; but tell me how it came about," William said. "Uncle Tony" replied: "It's this way, William. When stores everywhere. Don't make any good ship Columbia come a sailing into the harbor, and a flying the Stars and Stripes, loaded down with food for the starving Irish, then and there I raised me gude right arm to hiven, and tuck me solemn oath that if, so be, that flag distance. That route which you can should iver be attacked by an inimy,

Maggie, "the wife," came down to visit her Tony, and was so proud of him Uncle Sam's frontier posts in western as he "stepped off" in his soldier uni-Union soldiers taken prisoners, and Kansas-Fort Harker, I think, about form, that she wrote home telling how her soldier husband was "the only man

I'd fight for it, and die for it if need

One day in February, '62, we left Camp Meigs for Paducah, from whence health, and he became quite a sufferer ticable route can be found you will imhe found him sitting against a tree or the other side of Roundaway Bayou. asleep. When William gently laid his Upon reaching the bayou at Richmond

"Yes, and very fortunate it is, for you, battle pending. I'll be coort-martialed may request will be promptly forward-

Adkins had given up scouting and know but himself that he had slept satisfactory proof of their loyalty, at accepted a job as Wagon Master of a on post. However, William had "Uncle fine four-mule freighting train, belong-tony" relieved from picket duty, and strict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and on destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and destrict and destrict and prompt to prevent maraud-field and local hospitals and destrict an ing to a man whose name I am not sure reported him as sick, which he really of, but think it was Bannon. Adkins was. He was sent to the hospital at your orders. Until otherwise ordered was regularly discharged at the close Editor National Tribune: At Hat- was something of a poker player, as Keokuk, and was discharged from the you will report to these headquarters of the war. was also Bannon, his employer; and service later on a certificate of dis-

He returned to the old Ohio home, where he shortly answered the last rollcall.

The war over, William, too, returned We found a crossroad and turned as ordered, I returned to report to my north until we came to the main road ship, and was then promoted to Acting the state of the ship, and was then promoted to Acting the ship, and was then promoted to Acting the ship, and was then promoted to Acting the ship, and was then promoted to the shop of the ship and action to the ship of the ship of the ship and action to the ship of had slept on his nos 'ferninst the inimy," except William.

McCLERNAND TO OSTERHAUS. An Interesting War-time Order of the Vicksburg Campaign.

An interesting contribution to the war records is made by Comrade John M. Brown, 69th Ind., of 50 Riversdale legitimate obligation in law, when the St., Dayton, Ohio. In a communication to The National Tribune he gives to recognize Adkins's ownership of any a war-time order of Gen. McClernand to Gen. Osterhaus. The order is as fol-

"Vicksburg Campaign. "Headquarters Thirteenth Army Corps.

"Milliken's Bend, March 30, 1863. Col. Bennett, commanding 69th Ind. "Colonel: Besides your own regiment that there is a road along the bank of case.

A LETTER TO OUR READERS.

53 Cottage St., Melrose, Mass. Jan. 11th, 1904. "Ever since I was in the Army, I had more or less kidney trouble, and ant, Co. H, 80th Ohio, writes from within the past year it became so se-Highlands, N. C., to tell an interesting vere and complicated that I suffered story of a noble Irishman who entered everything and was much alarmed-my the service of his father in the days of the Lieutenant's boyhood. The Irishman came to his father's house a Root and wrote asking for advice. I stranger, footsore and weary. This was began the use of the medicine and not- in, men, and man the works. in Ohio. The Irishman was about 35 ed a decided improvement after taking

tionality and its drollery. He was a to say that I am entirely cured and man of agreeable manners, and pre- strong. In order to be very sure about had been turned loose. Yelling as if a vailed upon the Lieutenant's father to this, I had a doctor examine some of charge were going on, a steady roll of give him a job as a man-of-all work my water today and he pronounced it about the place. He was fond of chil-all right and in splendid condition. dren, and was soon on the best of terms I know that your Swamp-Root is with the four boys, to whom he was purely vegetable and does not contain line advancing on old Spanish Fort "Uncle Tony." William was his fav- any harmful drugs. Thanking you for proper, but what it meant we could not orite, and as the years rolled by the my complete recovery and recommendgood and faithful servant came to be ing Swamp-Root to all sufferers I am" Very truly yours,
I. C. RICHARDSON.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, sent absolutely free by can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles at the drug

mistake, but remember the name,

Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

make available for the passage of troops and trains with the least labor and shortest time you will select and make available at your earliest prac-ticable moment. The detachment of pioneers, as already mentioned, will be at your command, and Lieut. William R. McComas, Aid-de-Camp and Engineer on my staff, will give any assistance in his power. If a practicable route be found you will not only consider it with reference to the passage but also with reference to its capability mediately report that fact. Starting tomorrow, you will march to Richmond, eration, whether you will camp on this ly under orders to scour the country around Richmond as far as water will permit, for the purpose of capturing ed. While you are authorized to draw William assured him that it would provisions and forage from the country, ing. Let nothing be taken except by

ly stated in your paper "that the Six-teenth Corps was not there at all." I This affair cost Col. Chivington his when the battery was mustered out. so easily disproven.

1865, reads in part as follows: "Very quiet till 5 p. m., when all our batteries opened on the forts and made it too

hot to live well. The rebs fired some in return. Lieut. Bonnel, of my company (C), was struck by a piece of shell. The rebs surrendered about 12 p. m. We went in and marched all over the fort, and after securing a sack of flour, went back to quarters and went to bed. After going to sleep we were awakened by the officers soon after by 'Fall in; fall

"We hustled into our clothing and sprang to the works, where we stood ready for whatever was in store for us. On our left it seemed pandemonium musketry could be heard, while the fire from the guns made everything plain to us. We could dimly discern a battleeven imagine, and it seemed strange that not a shot appeared coming from the fort. Wild rumors were rife that Gen. Kirby Smith was attacking the fort to regain possession. We had been all over this fort an hour or so before, and we knew no enemy had been left within, as we had marched the prisoners out. This charge took place directly in front of the Thirteenth Corps against Spanish Fort, and it was not the Sixteenth Corps that did the charg-

Now, I have no wish to enter into a controversy, for, as the comrade says, "all did their duty, no doubt," and had not the Thirteenth Corps comrade made the assertion that the Sixteenth Corps was not present, the previous letter would not have appeared. All I wish is justice to the old Sixteenth Corps, who were ever ready for duty, and who never attempted to take any laurels won by another brave brigade, division or corps, but who will endeavor to retain whatever we have honorably won

I will now appeal to others 'Smith's Guerrillas" if I am correct or not. If not, I will gladly take back my statements .- J. W. Lacock, Sergeant, Co. C, 93d Ind., Mason, Ill.

A FIGHTING FAMILY.

Seven Baxter Brothers Who Valiantly Served Uncle Sam as Volunteers in the

War of the Rebellion. The splendid record of a fighting family is tersely but interestingly told by a correspondent of The National Tribune. At the outbreak of the war there lived in Indiana a patriotic family, Baxter by name. In this family were eight brothers, seven of whom wore the Union blue in the war, some from its beginning-all to its ending. The Baxters were residents of Jefferson County, and since the war they exchanges of any character be made on the plains, where the Indians were slept on post ferninst the inimy, an' a your operations. Any information you family," this pseudonym having been given them by their Hoosier neighbors. Here is a brief record of the brothers:

J. K. Baxter volunteered as a private in the 140th Ind., Col. Thomas Beady tached duty in the dispensaries and O. H. P. Baxter was one of the earl-

iest gold-seekers in the Pike's Peak (Colo.) gold fields. Besides being a tle man and banker. He lost at one time about \$10,000 worth of cattle. The animals were grazing on the foothills about Pile's Park of the World of Cattle.

Write for it today to The Wilson Ear Dram Co. hills about Pike's Peak when they were he formed a company of cavalry, and as its Captain joined Shivington's regiment of Mountaineers, followed the In-Kutz, Co. D, 91st Ill., Los Angeles, Cal., has to say regarding the capture of Spanish Fort.

First let me say that that article old of both sexes went down under the out Aug. 9, 1865. Its Captain was Wilson and Children and Children and Children. The remainder were put to flight. The fact that young and old of both sexes went down under the out Aug. 9, 1865. Its Captain was Wilson and Children and Childr would not have been written had not merciless rifle fire of the Mountaineers a comrade (have forgotten his name) gave this affair at the time among Major and succeeded by Capt. Erastus belonging to the Thirteenth Corps bold- some the title of the "Sand Creek Mas-

could not stand for that which could be commission, as it was a saying among The battery lost four killed and 34 died the Westerners at the time "he made cessation of hostilities.

Another brother, H. H. Baxter, be ing too young to volunteer, ran away from home and joined a brother at Washington city, entering the 12th Ind. there. He was captured and paroled at Little Rock, Ark., and later was transferred to the heavy artillery, in which branch of the service he coninued until discharged at the close of

George W. Baxter served in the 12th Ind. one year, when he joined the 7th Ind. Cav. He was promoted to capaincy, and served to the close of the

Edward A. Baxter, who was too young to enlist at the beginning of the war, volunteered in one of the late regiments, and served until peace was declared. Leonidas Baxter was but a strip of

a boy when the tocsin of war was sounded, but the patriotic fervor burned within him, and near the close of the conflict he ran away from home and sought the acquaintantship of a Captain in one of the late regiments. He entered one of the companies, and was honorably discharged when the A remarkable feature of the record of the seven Baxter brothers is that

all of them are still alive, and at their several homes, serving their country in peace as good citizens, just as they served in war as good soldiers.

Editor National Tribune: In answe o your correspondent, John Veal, I give the following extract from "Drapers in America." from the records there is no relationship between Hon. Eben S. Draper and Col. A. G. Draper.

"Gen. Alonzo Granville Draper was the second son of Alonzo and Hannah (Vose) Draper; grandson of Benjamin and Amy (Mead) Draper; great-grandson of Boston and Tryphena (Brown)
Draper. Boston Draper was the son of
Capt. Samuel Draper (a Sea Captain),
who had several children, and it was
his custom to name his sons after the
nort in which they were horn or to son of Boston and Tryphena (Brown) Capt. Samuel Draper (a Sea Captain), who had several children, and it was port in which they were born, or to which the ship was bound, and we have therefore Boston Draper, Newburyport Draper, and New York Draper." Hon. Eben S. Draper, Governor-elect of Massachusetts, was the son of George

and Hannah (Thwing) Draper, grand-son of Ira and Abigail (Richards) Draper; great-grandson of Maj. Abijah Draper, of Dedham, who fought in the American army during the Revolution. ary War, and a descendant from James and Miriam (Stansfield) Draper, who came from Yorkshire, England, to Roxbury, Massachusetts Bay, in 1647. Col. A. G. Draper had a brother, Capt Algernon Draper, who served in the 36th U. S. C. T., and who died March 14, 1874.—A. W. Beardsell, Secretary, Hopedale, Mass.

The 26th Ill. Editor National Tribune: Please give a short sketch of the 26th Ill.-W. A. Haynes, Rockford, Ill. The 26th Ill. was organized at Springfield from July 31, 1861, to Jan. 28, 1862, and finally mustered out July 20, 1865. The 26th Ill. belonged to Harrow's Division of the Fifteenth Corps, Army of the Tennessee, and lost 30 killed and 196 died from disease. The Colonel was John Mason Loomis who resigned, and Lieut.-Col. Ira J. Bloomfield was in command when the

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